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SUBJ: PRESS REPORT OF MOZAMBIQUE MASSACRES

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1. WASHINGTON POST OF JULY 10 CARRIED FOLLOWING STORY
CONTRIBUTED BY REUTER IN LONDON:

2. AT LEAST 400 PERSONS WERE SLAUGHTERED BY PORTUGUESE
TROOPS IN QTE SYSTEMATIC GENOCIDAL MASSACRE END QTE IN
MOZAMBIQUE VILLAGE OF WIRIYAMU, CATHOLIC PRIEST SAID IN
FRONT-PAGE ARTICLE IN THE LONDON TIMES TODAY. REV. ADRIAN
HASTINGS, BASING HIS ARTICLE ON REPORTS FROM SPANISH
MISSIONARIES WORKING IN MOZAMBIQUE, TOLD OF SERIES OF
MASSACRES IN ...MUCUMBURA AREA IN 1971--QTE FOR
GHASTLINESS EACH RIVALING THAT OF MYLAI, IN VIETNAM END
QTE. IN MOST RECENT MASS KILLING, IN VILLAGE OF WIRIYAMU
LAST DECEMBER, MORE THAN 400 VICTIMS DIED AT HANDS OF
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TROOPS, FATHER HASTINGS SAID. HE SAID VILLAGERS KILLED

WERE THOSE WHO PORTUGUESE THOUGHT WERE AIDING GUERRILLAS OF FRELIMO... HIS ARTICLE LISTED NAMES OF HUNDREDS OF VILLAGERS...SAID TO HAVE BEEN SHOT, BURNT AND KICKED TO DEATH LAST DECEMBER. THE TIMES, IN AN ACCOMPANYING EDITORIAL, SAID PORTUGUESE PM MARCELLO CAETANO QTE WILL SURELY BE ASKED TO COMMENT ON THIS REPORT END QTE WHEN HE VISITS BRITAIN NEXT WEEK...IN HIS ARTICLE FATHER HASTINGS WROTE: QTE FACED WITH GROWTH OF GUERRILLA ACTIVITY, PORTUGUESE

FORCES HAVE GROWN MORE BRUTAL END QTE. ARTICLE GOES ON TO DESCRIBE ATTACK ON WIRIYAMU.

3. SINCE ABOVE ALLEGATIONS ALREADY REFLECTED IN REFTELS, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INFORMATION THAT MAY BECOME AVAILABLE TO CONSULATE. ROGERS

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